## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA STATESVILLE DIVISION 5:22-cv-00156-MR

AUSTIN REID PITTMAN,	)
Plaintiff,	) )
vs.	ORDER
FNU CLAWSON,	<i>)</i>
Defendant.	<i>)</i> ) )

THIS MATTER is before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion Requesting Leave to Propound Additional Interrogatories and Requests for Admissions to Defendant, [Doc. 33], which the Court construes as a motion to amend the Pretrial Order and Case Management Plan in this case.

Pro se Plaintiff Austin Reid Pittman ("Plaintiff") is a prisoner of the State of North Carolina currently incarcerated at Central Prison in Raleigh, North Carolina. On October 19, 2022, he filed this action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against Defendant FNU Clawson, identified as a Correctional Sergeant at Alexander Correctional Institution, claiming Defendant Clawson violated his Eighth Amendment rights through the use of excessive force. [Doc. 1]. Plaintiff's Complaint survived initial review and the Court entered a Pretrial Order and Case Management Plan (PTOCMP). [Docs. 8, 22]. The PTOCMP

in this case currently provides that each party "may propound no more than

twenty (20) single part interrogatories; may propound no more than

twenty-five (25) requests for admission; and take no more than six (6)

depositions of fact witnesses." [Doc. 22 at 2]. Plaintiff now moves for 15

additional interrogatories and 15 additional requests for admission. [Doc.

33]. As grounds, Plaintiff states that he is "indigent and has no means to

conduct oral or written depositions which puts [him] at a significant

disadvantage as it pertains to Discovery." [Id. at 1]. The Court will allow

Plaintiff's motion to amend the PTOCMP.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion [Doc. 33] is

GRANTED and Plaintiff shall be allowed to propound an additional fifteen

(15) single part interrogatories and fifteen (15) requests for admissions on

Defendant Clawson.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: June 19, 2023

Martin Reidinger

Chief United States District Judge

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